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SUMMARY:

DELEGATIONS TO 6TH ISLAMIC FONMINISTERS
CONFERENCE WENT AWAY PLEASED; EVERYONE
VOTED FOR EACH OTHER'S "SPECIAL INTEREST"
RESOLUTIONS. CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED ALONG
OPEN LINES AND WAS TOO PUBLICLY ADMINISTERED;
AS A RESULT ISSUES (ESP. ISRAEL) COULD NOT BE STAGE
MANAGED EASILY BEHIND THE SCENES. PROBLEMS
OF MUSLIM MINORITIES ARE TO BE HANDLED THROUGH
GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED; TURKEY DRAWN INTO
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ISLAMIC FOLD AND WILL HOST NEXT CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. REF C CONTAINS THE COMMUNIQUE FINALLY ISSUED THE
EVENING OF JULY 16 ON THE RESULTS OF THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN
MINISTERS CONFERENCE. IT CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF THE
RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE CONFERENCE IN THE FINAL PLENARY
SESSION. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS US THAT THE
ACTUAL TEXTS OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WILL

NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. WE EXPECT TO OBTAIN THEM IN THE NEXT FEWDAYS AND WILL FORWARD THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. SAUDI OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED SEEM PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND SEE IT AS MARKING A STEP IN THE GROWTH AND COHESIVENESS OF THE ISLAMIC BLOC. OF PARTICULAR GRATIFICATION TO THEM IS THE APPARENT DRAWING OF TURKEY INTO THE ISLAMIC ORBIT. TURKEY'S OFFER TO HOST THE SEVENTH ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN ISTANBUL WAS GREETED WITH SURPRISE AND PLEASURE AND QUICKLY ACCEPTED.

3. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR RA'ED TOLD THE CHARGE JULY 17 THAT THE UNFORTUNATE RESOLUTIONS ON ISRAEL AND THE UN (SEPTEL) AND A NUMBER OF OTHER QUESTIONS WERE THE FAULT OF THE WAY THE CONFERENCE WAS SET UP. HE SAID THAT IT WAS TOO OPENLY ORGANIZED AND PUBLICLY ADMINISTERED. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN COMPARTMENTED AND SUBDIVIDED SO THAT THE TREATMENT OF EACH ISSUE COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER MANAGED BEHIND THE SCENES. INSTEAD AFTER DISCUSSION OF A PROBLEM IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE--COMPOSED OF POLITICAL "EXPERTS" FROM EACH OF THE FORTY DELEGATIONS--THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHERE THEY WERE APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION. THE CONGREGATIONAL NATURE OF EACH STEP OF REVIEW AND DECISION TENDED TO INFLATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXPAND THEIR FOCUS. EACH NATIONAL/REGIONAL BLOC AGREED TO VOTE FOR THE PROPOSALS OF THE OTHERS AND HENCE RESOLUTIONS ON SUCH DIVERSE SUBJECTS AS THE SPANISH SAHARA, MOZAMBIQUE AND THE PHILIPPINES ALL CAME OUT TOGETHER.

4. THE COUNSELLOR OF THE CHAD EMBASSY HAD A MORE CHARITABLE VIEW OF THE SAME PROCESS. HE PRAISED THE CONFERENCE FOR ITS DECISION THAT THE CONFREES SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT MEDDLE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. RESOLUTIONS WERE TO BE OPERATIVE THROUGH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AREAS CONCERNED. FOR THIS REASON NO HEED WAS GIVEN TO THE BRUNEI LIBERATION FRONT; SUPPORT WAS WITHHELD FROM THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT BECAUSE THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT WAS ENGAGED IN A MEDIATION EFFORT WITH THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT; AND EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PHILIPPINE PROBLEM WOULD CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN IN COPPERATION WITH THE GOP.

5. OUR OVERALL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE DELEGATIONS OF MOST OF THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED WENT AWAY PLEASED. IN THE PERMISSIVE ATMOSPHERE OF THE CONFERENCE EVERYONE GOT PRETTY MUCH WHAT THEY WANTED AND LITTLE THOUGHT WENT INTO THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO OTHER COUNTRIES'

PROPOSALS.

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